

GENERAL LIBRARY
MAR 11 1919
UNIV. OF MICH.

The Playground

War Camp Community Service



FEBRUARY 1919

25 Cents



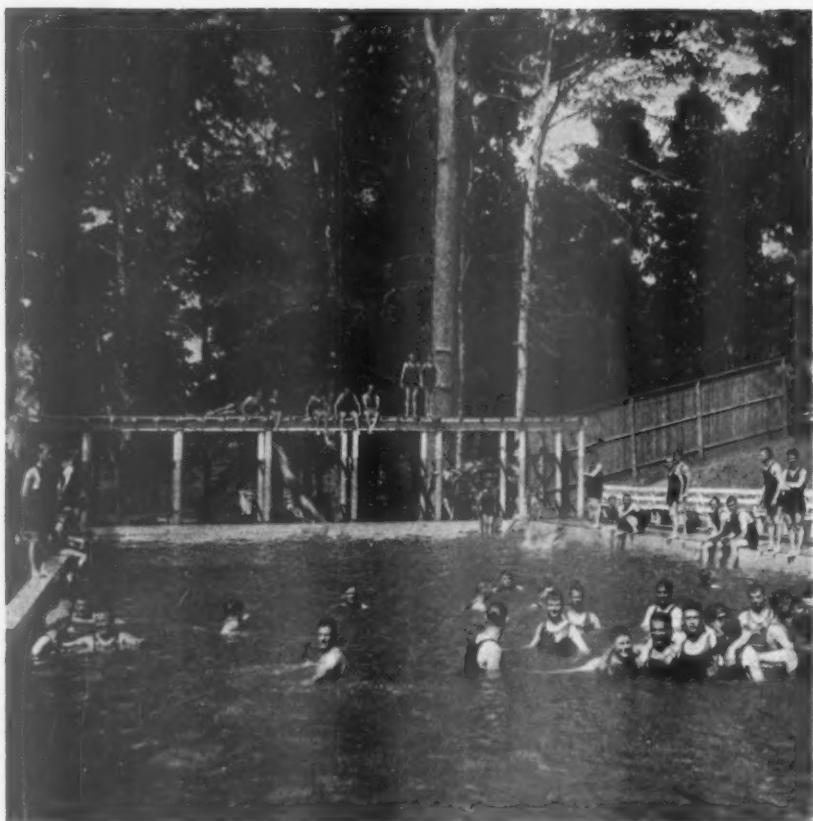
The "Sign of the Red Circle" brings them here

DURING the time between a supper of good home-cooked food served at a War Camp Community Service Canteen in Baltimore, and the War Camp Community Service dance planned for the evening, these men pass the time playing billiards in a War Camp Community Service Club.



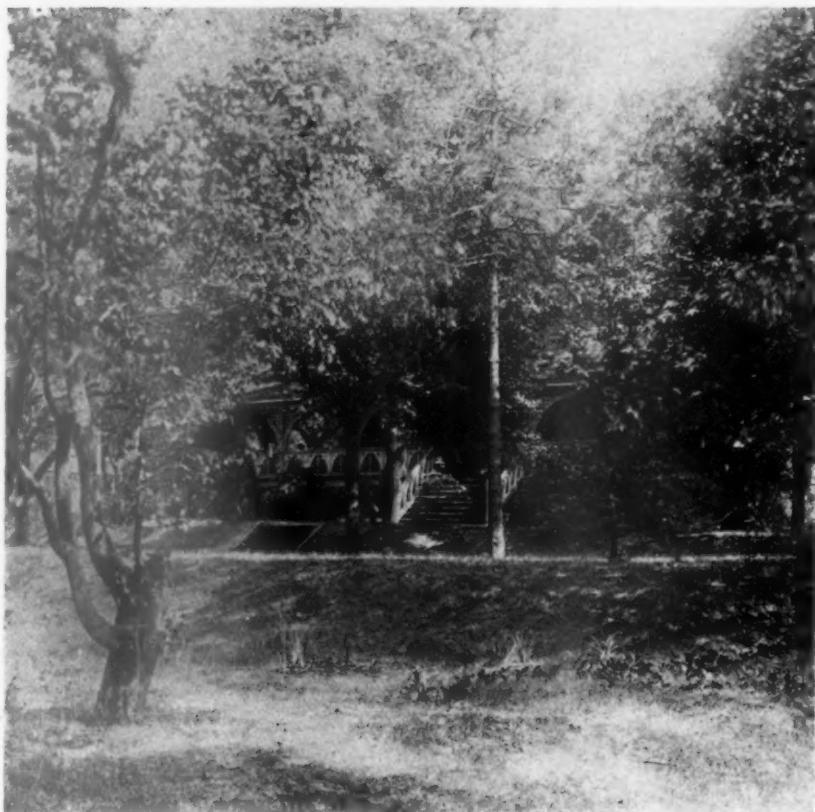
When motor canteens became necessary

IN the summer of 1918, War Camp Community Service improvised a Motor Canteen Service in Washington, D.C., to help take care of the two hundred thousand extra clerks and executives doing war work there. Through such service it was possible for them to work on a half-hour luncheon schedule.



When our Northern men are under Southern skies

EVERY soldier in Camp Greene, North Carolina, was invited recently to a picnic at Lakewood Park near Charlotte. The program was arranged by War Camp Community Service. A large swimming pool was one of the biggest attractions. Assisted by the ladies of various churches nearby, a typical Southern supper was served.



In every window appears the "Red Circle"

"**W**REN'S Nest," Atlanta, Georgia, the home of Joel Chandler Harris, author of the Uncle Remus stories, has been turned over to War Camp Community Service, and displays the sign of welcome to all soldiers and sailors. They come here at all times, but especially over Sundays.



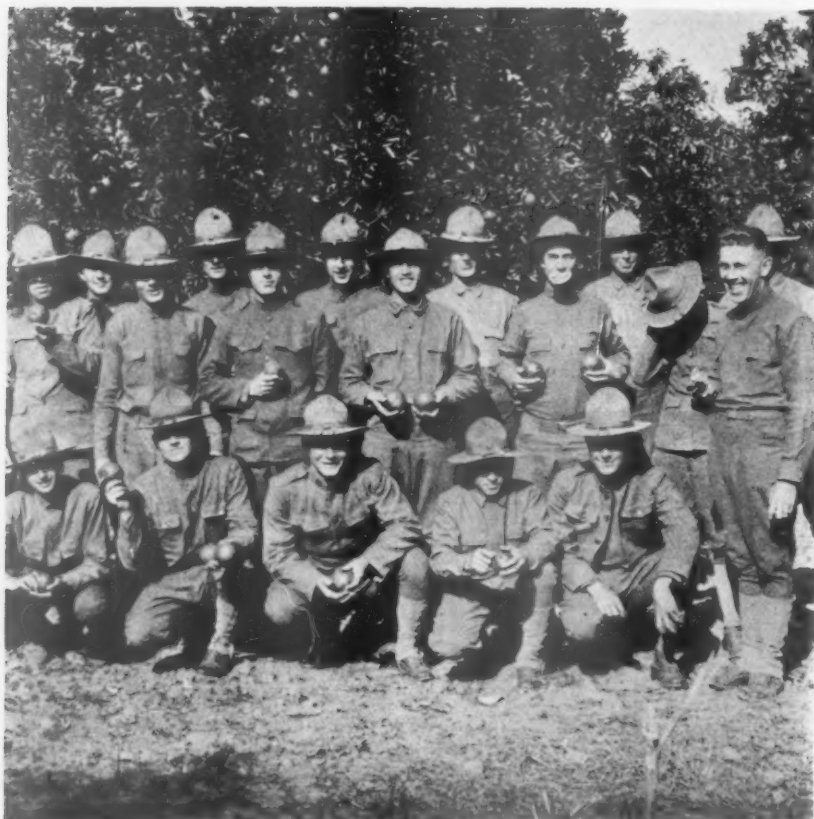
U. S. army trucks escort soldiers to matinee

IN St. Louis, Missouri, as in so many other cities, War Camp Community Service has arranged free theatre parties for men in uniform. On this occasion, fourteen hundred soldiers were brought from Camp Scott, twenty-eight miles distant.



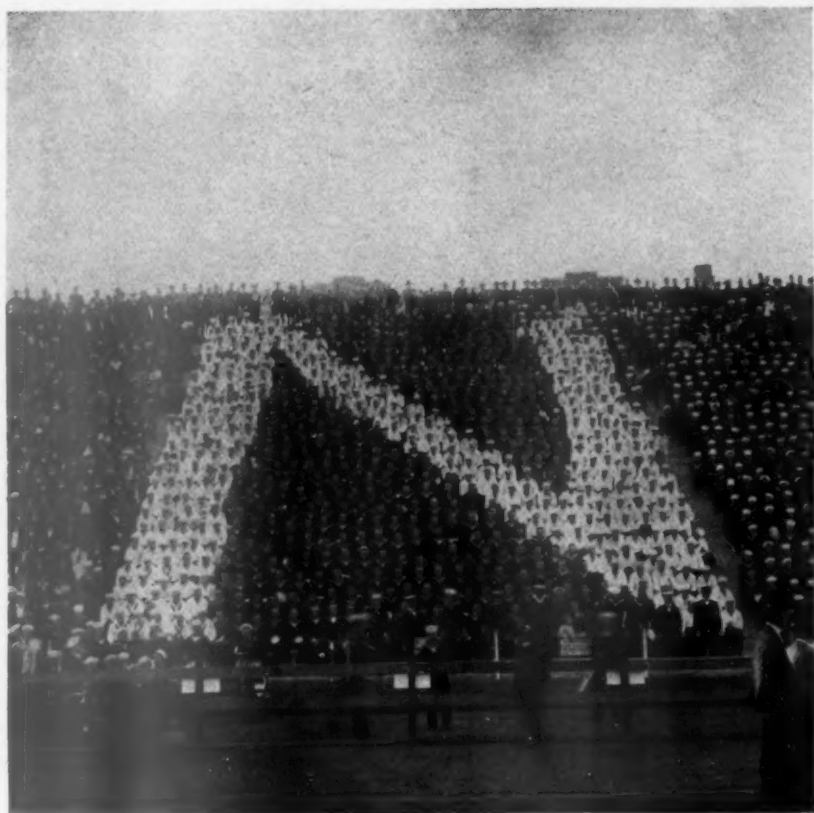
Outdoor sports in the Northern States

FOR the Soldiers stationed in camps up North, outdoor carnivals and athletic sports of every description are arranged by War Camp Community Service. These events are always anticipated with a great deal of pleasure.



Delightful hours in Californian orange groves

A GROUP of men from Fort McArthur, California, spending a happy day in the orange grove of a friend of War Camp Community Service in Los Angeles. It is a rare treat for men from the East to go on these "Orange Excursions."



The Navy was well represented

IN San Diego, California, the Stadium was placed at the disposal of War Camp Community Service for the men in service by the Park Commissioners for three days a week, and football games have been popular. Fifteen thousand sailors and civilians attended the New Year's football game.



Soldiers taking part in a trench fight

IN the late fall of 1918, War Camp Community Service conducted a Field Day for Men in Uniform in the Boston Stadium. All kinds of athletic sports were staged. The matches between the Army and the Navy were played with the keenest sportsmanship.



Thanksgiving hospitality for soldiers and sailors

THROUGHOUT the country invitations for Thanksgiving Dinner poured into the War Camp Community Service offices. Everywhere men in khaki and blue found homes and hearts open to them.



There are forty clubs for colored soldiers and sailors

WITH the help of the colored people in towns adjoining the camps, War Camp Community Service has established forty clubs for colored soldiers and sailors. This one is at Baltimore.



Making the Colorado Soldiers' and Sailors' Club famous

THE Colorado Soldiers' and Sailors' Club in Denver keeps a cookie jar on hand which never gives out in spite of the constant raids upon it by the khaki-clad. Because the cookies are "like mother used to make," this Club has become justly famous.



A community social in a social community

CHURCHES all over the United States have been cooperating with War Camp Community Service in entertaining soldiers and sailors. These soldiers are guests of All Saints Episcopal Church at Atlanta, Georgia. And there are many uniforms to be seen at the regular church services.

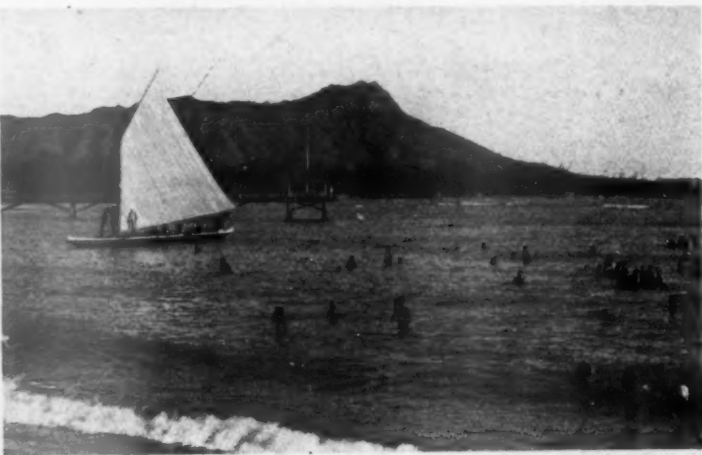


Did he write you a letter from here?

IN the City of Norfolk," at the Red Circle Club of War Camp Community Service, over seven hundred letters are written each day. This mail is addressed to homes all over America. Writing materials are always kept on hand in great abundance.



EVEN in far Ha War
munity Servas
and its activities men
These pictures shew
by The Honolulu T. C.



a far Ha War Camp Com-
 y Serv as its organizer
 ivities then in uniform.
 ures shevents arranged
 nolulu U. C. S.



Training for an Army and Navy baseball game

IN the sunny South, baseball is in season at this time of the year. Men in blue and khaki take to baseball like ducks to water. They are found playing whenever and wherever possible—even on week-end parties.



Tea and cakes and friendly camaraderie

REAL joy in a real home is the spirit of these friendly afternoon teas arranged for Army and Navy men through War Camp Community Service throughout the United States. To prove that they fill a gap in a long day, the men "come again."



Warm hearts around a warm fire

AND they hung up stockings and sat by the fireside and thought of home and told fairy tales to little brother. In this private home these soldiers weren't so lonesome after all and they certainly were made more than welcome by these friends.



Forgetting their pain for a few hours

THE ambulances of the Motor Corps of America carried five hundred wounded soldiers in one afternoon from the base hospitals around New York to a special matinee held for them at the Strand Theatre, New York City. This was arranged by War Camp Community Service.



Loving hands and tender hearts do their bit

IT took hours to wrap Christmas packages in preparation for the Yuletide festivities held in the home of this War Camp Community Service friend. And the wholehearted fun when these presents were undone repaid a thousand times the work it entailed.



Their first holiday after returning to America

IN New York City, as in so many others, War Camp Community Service planned Christmas parties and Christmas and New Year's Dances. These overseas men, not able to get home, are trimming the tree for the evening's entertainment.



Books and easy chairs and restful hours

IN Gramercy Park, New York City, War Camp Community Service has opened a Convalescent Hospitality Home called "Pershing House" for Pershing's wounded men. Coming from different convalescent hospitals in and about New York, the men gather in this beautiful old house to read and write and talk and rest.



Are they hungry or just sociable?

WHEN it comes time to serve luncheon at Pershing House, the men flock to the kitchen. And they are always welcome! Often they make suggestions for "new dishes," some of which have become very popular. The National League for Women's Service, in cooperation with War Camp Community Service, serves breakfast, luncheon and afternoon tea every day.



Rainy days are quite as busy as shiny ones

ON such days more than ever War Camp Community Service workers call at the various W.C.C.S. Units to pass the hours in friendly talks and games of chess and checkers with the men who come there, who might otherwise spend a lonely day.



Storm-bound but happy in the club

THESE soldiers and sailors maintain it is no hardship to be storm-bound on trips between camps if such hospitality as this soldiers' and sailors' club had to offer is available. War Camp Community Service endeavors to meet all emergencies with prompt action.



Scrap books for convalescent soldiers—guarantees against boredom

THIS group of workers from the LaClede Gas Light Company are making life more pleasant for the convalescent soldiers at the hospitals to whom the hours of waiting are so long, by making scrap books at the War Camp Community Service headquarters in St. Louis.



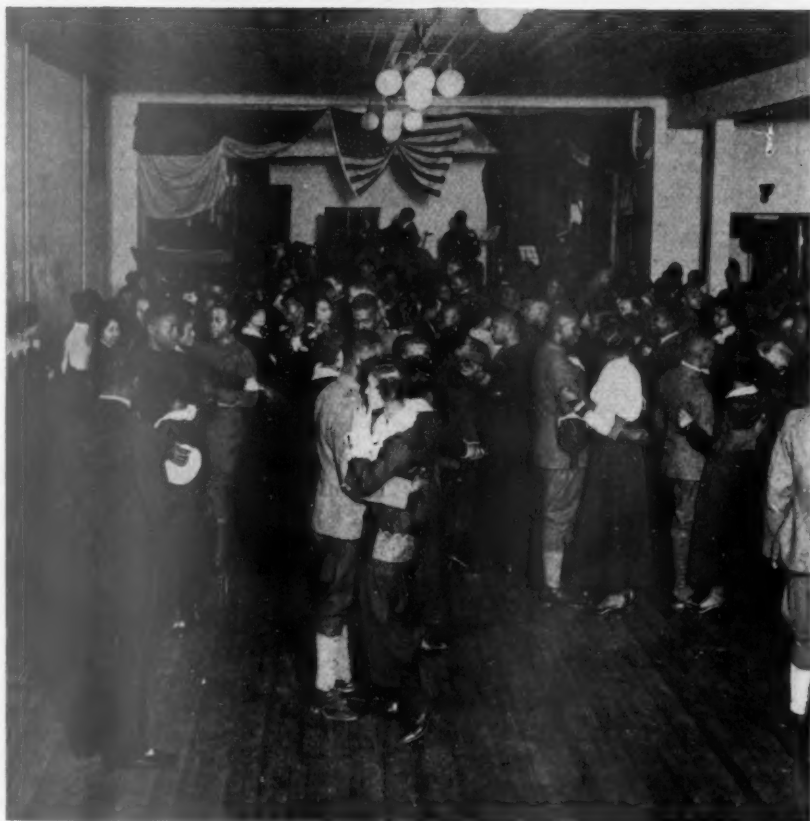
Celebrating old ceremonies in new surroundings

EIGHT hundred Jewish soldiers attended a special Passover celebration at Atlanta, Ga. at which religious services were combined with special dinner festivities. The Jewish Welfare Board, which is co-operating with War Camp Community Service, entertained three hundred soldiers in the morning; in the evening, five hundred.



Where to go, eat and sleep

THESE are vitally important matters to the soldier or sailor on leave in a strange city and the thousands of information booths similar to the one erected by the Baltimore War Camp Community Service, which dot all the camp cities, represent a very practical service.



A popular dance at the colored club

THE clubs for colored soldiers which War Camp Community Service has been establishing throughout the country, have been popular meeting places for the colored troops and the civilians who are doing so much to entertain the soldiers. The Atlanta, Ga., club shown here is meeting a great need.



When you want
the best, specify

**SPALDING
ALL-STEEL**

Used year after year in the major-
ity of the Country's playgrounds

Look for this mark of quality

Write for Catalog

A. G. Spalding & Bros.

Chicopee, Mass.



THE FUN-FUL LINE
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Playground Apparatus and Athletic Goods

"Everything for the Playground"

Send for free Catalog No. 3

HILL-STANDARD CO.

1216 Fun-Ful Avenue, Anderson, Indiana

Give an Entertainment

Celebrate Peace, Washington's Birth-
day, May Day, Easter, Children's Day
and the Closing of School by selecting
and giving Entertainment Material
from our Catalog of Plays, Drills, Songs,
Pageants, Pantomimes, Operettas, etc.

"The House That Helps"

**THE ELDRIDGE
ENTERTAINMENT HOUSE**

Franklin Ohio Denver, Colorado
300 International Trust Bldg.

**KINDERGARTEN
PRIMARY
MAGAZINE**

If you are a Primary or Rural Teacher
you can get above magazine, the oldest
in the world of its kind and one of the
most helpful in your work, 3 months
for 15 cents.

15c

**J. H. SHULTS
COMPANY**
Manistee, Mich.
\$1.00 A YEAR

Please mention THE PLAYGROUND when writing to advertisers

PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

JOSEPH LEE
President

WILLIAM KENT
Second Vice-President

ROBERT GARRETT
Third Vice-President

GUSTAVUS T. KIRBY
Treasurer

H. S. BRAUCHER
Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MRS. EDWARD W. BIDDLE
Carlisle, Pa.

RICHARD CABOT
Boston, Mass.

CLARENCE M. CLARK
Philadelphia, Pa.

GRENVILLE CLARK
New York City

B. PRESTON CLARK
Boston, Mass.

EVERETT COLBY
Newark, N. J.

MRS. E. P. EARLE
Montclair, N. J.

MRS. THOMAS A. EDISON
West Orange, N. J.

JOHN H. FINLEY
Albany, N. Y.

HENRY W. DE FOREST
New York City

CHARLES W. GARFIELD
Grand Rapids, Mich.

C. M. GOETHE
Sacramento, Cal.

MRS. CHARLES A. GOODWIN
Hartford, Conn.

AUSTIN E. GRIFFITHS
Seattle, Wash.

J. M. HANKINS
Birmingham, Ala.

MRS. APPLETON R. HILLYER
Hartford, Conn.

MRS. FRANCIS DeLACY HYDE
Plainfield, N. J.

MRS. HOWARD R. IVES
Portland, Maine

GUSTAVUS T. KIRBY
New York City

G. M. LANDERS
New Britain, Conn.

H. McK. LONDON
Indianapolis, Ind.

WALTER B. LASHAR
Bridgeport, Conn.

ROBERT LASSITER
Charlotte, N. C.

JOSEPH LEE
Boston, Mass.

EUGENE W. LEWIS
Detroit, Mich.

EDWARD E. LOOMIS
New York City

J. H. McCURDY
Springfield, Mass.

OTTO T. MALLERY
Philadelphia, Pa.

SAMUEL MATHER
Cleveland, Ohio

R. B. MAURY
Memphis, Tenn.

WALTER A. MAY
Pittsburgh, Pa.

CARL E. MILLIKEN
Augusta, Maine

F. GORDON OSLER
Toronto, Canada

JAMES H. PERKINS
New York City

JOHN T. PRATT
New York City

ELLEN SCRIPPS
La Jolla, Cal.

CLEMENT STUDEBAKER, JR.
South Bend, Ind.

F. S. TITSWORTH
Denver, Colo.

HAROLD H. SWIFT
Chicago, Ill.

THEODORE N. VAIL
New York City

MRS. JAS. W. WADSWORTH, JR.
Washington, D. C.

J. C. WALSH
New York City

HARRIS WHITTEMORE
Naugatuck, Conn.

MEMBERSHIP

*Any person contributing five dollars or more shall be a member of the
Association for the ensuing year.*

During the demobilization period the
need for War Camp Community Service
is greater than it has ever been before.

—RAYMOND B. FOSDICK